

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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WORK OF SECOND PHASE OF NTPC ANTA
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of progress in work for the second phase of the NTPC Anta;
- (b) whether the land has been acquired for the second phase and the Government of Rajasthan has released its share of water; and
- (c) if not, the time by which the work on second phase is likely to be started?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has planned the expansion of Anta gas power station by adding 650 MW generating capacity. The project was originally proposed to be set up with naphtha as bridge fuel and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) as long term fuel. However, in view of abnormal increase in naphtha price in the recent past, NTPC has decided to match commissioning of the project with the availability of imported regassified LNG at a reasonable price.

Based on the expected cost of regassified LNG, generation cost is estimated to be about Rs.4.00 per kWh. NTPC had sought reconfirmation from beneficiary states for availing power from Anta expansion project at this indicative price. Major beneficiary states such as Uttar Pradesh have expressed their unwillingness to purchase power at such a high cost of generation. NTPC will take up further processing of Anta expansion project only after confirmation of availability of LNG at a reasonable firm price and acceptance of the cost of generation based on LNG price by the beneficiary states.

(b) : Land for Anta expansion project has already been acquired. The Government of Rajasthan has agreed in principle to make available additional water required for this expansion project.

(c) : As indicated at (a) above, further processing of Anta expansion project will be taken up by NTPC after confirmation of availability of LNG at a reasonably firm price and acceptance of the cost of generation based on LNG price by the beneficiary states. The tentative share of Rajasthan in power to be generated from this expansion project will be about 130 MW.